

**Weavers Engaged in Handloom Sector**

5040. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of handloom weavers in the country, state-wise;

(b) the estimated production of handloom textile in the country per year;

(c) the estimated average individual and family income of the weavers in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the income of the weavers and the family from the production of handloom textiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) A statement indicating the State-wise details of number of persons engaged in the weaving and preparatory activities in the handloom sector, as revealed by the National Handloom Census conducted in 1987-88, is attached.

(b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, the estimated production of cloth in the handloom sector has been 4155 million metres and 4541 million metres respectively.

(c) One of the findings of the National

Handloom Census on the economic status of the weavers revealed that 50.0 percent of the total weaver households in the country earned more than Rs. 500/- per month. Those earning between Rs. 201/- to Rs. 500/- constituted 43.3 percent of the households. Only 6.7 percent of weaver households earned upto Rs. 200/- per month.

(d) In addition to the existing ongoing schemes being implemented by the Government for the economic upliftment of handloom weavers through modernisation and technological upgradation, the following new schemes have been announced during the current year :-

(i) A scheme of 'Margin Money for Destitute Weavers' which envisages capital support to the cooperative societies organised by the destitute weavers. The scale of assistance provided under this scheme is Rs. 2000/- per destitute weaver subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh per society;

(ii) Integrated Handloom Village development Scheme envisaging a package of facilities in terms of skill upgradation, productivity etc., to give concerted and special attention to the handloom weavers in identified villages.

(iii) Project Package Scheme providing for benefit to specific need based target groups or to specific area or to production of a specific product.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Number of Persons engaged in waving and preparatory work				
		Full time		part time		Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	367498	85456			452954
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	729	46556			47285
3.	Assam	446844	1549909			1996753
4.	Bihar	119335	120175			239510
5.	Goa	29	51			80
6.	Gujarat	48507	19258			67765
7.	Haryana	22627	2386			25013
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7160	46981			54141
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	29241	24089			53330
10.	Karnataka	159661	21243			180904
11.	Kerala	59391	5525			64916
12.	Madhya Pradesh	50242	26480			76722
13.	Maharashtra	102671	31499			134170

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14. Manipur			120733	213893	334626
15. Meghalaya			627	13196	13823
16. Mizoram			2202	126616	128818
17. Nagaland			40729	106858	147587
18. Orissa			164939	78789	243728
19. Punjab			13481	9074	22555
20. Rajasthan			55553	20985	77538
21. Tamil Nadu			568394	94924	663318
22. Tripura			22659	114575	137234
23. Uttar Pradesh			418573	222023	640596
24. West Bengal			499400	212163	711563
25. Delhi			110882	615	11697
26. Pondicherry			5037	1497	6534
Total:			3338344	3194816	6533160